

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re A	Application of:	)			
Tomochika MURAKAMI, ET AL.		;	Examiner: Unassigned		
Application No.: 10/758,023			Group Art Unit: Unassigne		
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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	; ) ;	April 28, 2004		

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## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the document is enclosed. Applicants submit that the English Abstract on the first page of the cited document sufficiently summarizes the disclosed subject matter.

## **FORMAL MATTERS**

No fee is due in connection with this paper since it is being submitted before issuance of an Office Action.

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